

15 November 2006

Mr. Thomas Navin  
Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Petition for Temporary Waiver for Limited Disaster Recovery Trial  
*Docket Number 99-200*

Dear Mr. Navin:

This letter replaces the request made by Texas A&M University on 8 November, 2006.

On behalf of Texas A&M University and Texas A&M's Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC), I am submitting for your review and approval this Petition for a three month Temporary Waiver, beginning 10 December, 2006 and ending on 10 March, 2007, in pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Commission's rules. In order to conduct an emergency preparedness trial, approximately 10 telephone numbers need to be ported from the Corpus Christi LATA to the Bryan LATA. This waiver has been discussed with staff members of the Public Utilities Commission for the State of Texas and they recommended we present this request at the FCC level.

The ITEC, referenced above, is currently involved in many projects involving VoIP technology including NG-911 and Disaster Recovery. This project is sponsored by VeriSign to ensure that this process would function should we require it the event of a disaster (an additional waiver would be requested were it to become necessary). Grande Telephone will be the CLEC that will support the actual porting of the numbers.

The Disaster Recovery project involves dynamic routing of inbound telephone calls in the event of a disaster. An example would be the evacuation of Texas A&M Corpus Christi and the redirecting of their calls to the College Station campus. This service is important in the dissemination of information to the families of evacuees.

The FCC released a report after last years' hurricanes Rita and Katrina that discussed issues relating to porting services outside of the LATA in the event of a disaster. This study will be instrumental in the identification of these issues and other issues as they relate to the end user. I have attached a copy of the FCC report.

Your consideration and approval of this request are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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